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1. The replies filed on 5/27/2005 and 6/5/2005 are not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (1) The claims as filed on 6/5/2005 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the claim status indicators of claims 2-20 are not enclosed in parenthesis (brackets are not the same as parenthesis) and because the status indicators of claims 1-5, 8, 10, 13, 16, and 19 are not permissible status indicators (see 37 CFR 1.121(c) (2) The amendments to the title and written specification, as filed on 5/27/2005, do not conform with 37 CFR 1.121(b). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

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